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President Donald Trump walks down the steps before a speech near a section of the U.S.-Mexico border wall Tuesday in Alamo, Texas. Trump was first impeached by the House in 2019 over his dealings with Ukraine, but the Senate voted in 2020 to acquit him. DELCIA LOPEZ/THE MONITOR VIA AP

IMPEACHMENT

ON THE BRINK

Following historic 2nd vote to impeach, Trump's political legacy lies with Senate

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WASHINGTON – A majority of the U.S. House has voted to impeach President Donald Trump for a second time, just a week after he encouraged loyalists to “fight like hell” against election results – a speech that was followed by a mob of his supporters storming the U.S. Capitol.

The House voted 232 to 197 to approve an article of impeachment for “incitement of insurrection. Ten Republicans voted for impeachment.

During debate on the articles of impeachment, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi asked Republicans and Democrats to “search their souls” ahead of the historic afternoon vote. Trump would be

the first American president to be impeached twice.

Trump “must go,” Pelosi said. “He is a clear and present danger to the nation we all love.”

Actual removal seems unlikely before the Jan. 20 inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden. A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the Republican leader would not agree to bring the chamber back immediately, all but ensuring a Senate trial could not begin at least until Jan. 19.

Still, McConnell did not rule out voting to convict Trump in the event of a trial. In a note to his fellow Republican senators just before the House was to begin voting, he said he is undecided.

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Article I: Incitement of insurrection

232	197	5
YES	NO	NOT VOTING

Democrats voted unanimously to impeach President Donald Trump. Ten Republican lawmakers, including third-ranking House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming, broke ranks and voted to impeach Trump.

How Ohio voted

Ohio's Democratic representatives supported impeachment and its Republican members did not – with the exception of Rep. Anthony Gonzalez. **6A**

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

COVID-19 IN OHIO

Shots to begin, but vaccine scarce

Health departments moving into next phase

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Some central Ohioans may soon be able to sign up for their first of two COVID-19 shots as local health departments move into another phase of vaccinations next week.

But a limited number of doses may mean some will wait longer to get their first dose of the vaccine, health department leaders told The Dispatch.

Columbus Public Health expects to receive around 600 doses for the first week of Phase 1B, while Franklin County Public Health is planning to get 500 doses for week one of the next phase.

Phase 1B, which includes Ohioans age 65 and older, teachers and people with severe pre-existing conditions, is

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Numbers still rising

Ohio adds 6,701 COVID-19 cases, 79 deaths on Wednesday. **Metro 2B**



Franklin County assistant health commissioner Alexandria Jones gives a COVID-19 vaccine to Whitehall fire chief Preston Moore in December. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

New strain discovered in Ohio

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Ohio State University doctors pushed for caution after researchers announced the discovery of a Columbus coronavirus strain Wednesday that they said is likely more contagious than previous variants of the disease.

The strain, according to the medical center, is similar to the one discovered in the United Kingdom, but likely originated in the U.S. The discovery of the Columbus variant, COH.20G/501Y, suggests that the same mutation may be occurring independently in multiple parts of the world during the past few months, according to the medical center.

The new variant was discovered in one patient from Ohio, so researchers

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Columbus to open school buildings Feb. 1

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After nearly 11 months of students learning online from home, Columbus City Schools officials will reopen buildings to some students starting Feb. 1.

The first group will include all students in preschool and grades K-3; select students in all grade levels with “complex needs,” such as disabilities; and high school students in career-technical education programs at Columbus Downtown High School and the Fort Hayes Career Center.

Students in grades 4-5, meanwhile, will transition into the “blended learning” mode on Feb. 8.

Students will attend in-person class-

Time to play

Columbus City Schools to resume sports practices Friday. **Metro, 1B**

es twice a week and learn at home the other three days.

“There will never be a perfect time, but we need to get our students back in school. We know that it’s important for us that they have some in-person learning,” Superintendent Talisa Dixon told The Dispatch. “If we can do that and do that safely, in smaller cohorts, I think we should take that opportunity to do so.”

Families will receive information in the mail and also can check their “par-

ent portal” online to view their child’s bus routes and pickup and drop-off times.

The state’s largest school district, with nearly 50,000 students enrolled, announced the decision Wednesday afternoon. The move would bring nearly half of its students back to classrooms by Feb. 8, spokeswoman Jacqueline Bryant said. Families of the 1,079 students who qualify for the “complex needs” group have already been contacted.

The availability of COVID-19 vaccines for Ohio’s school employees starting Feb. 1 is one of the “critical factors” in the district’s reopening plans, Dixon

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Eye on the prize

Blue Jackets are confident they can win the Stanley Cup. **Sports, 1C**

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